

the accumulation of silt in the reservoirs of the tribal and backward areas of Gujarat; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Siltation of reservoirs is a natural phenomenon and provisions are made in the capacity of all reservoirs including the reservoirs situated in the tribal and backward areas of Gujarat for accommodating the silt.

(b) Based on the analysis of capacity survey data of representative reservoirs in the country, the region/river basin-wise sedimentation (siltation) rate are as under :

S.No.	Region	Sedimentation/Siltation Rate (Hectare-metre/ 100 square Kilometre/ Year)
1.	Himalayan region (Indus, Ganga, Brahmaputra basin)	Varies from 5.658 to 27.85
2.	Indo-Gangetic plains	Varies from 0.3 to 16.03
3.	East flowing rivers excluding Ganga upto Godavari	6.08 in case of Hirakud reservoir.
4.	Deccan Peninsular east flowing river including Godavari	Varies from 0.15 to 12.16
5.	Narmada Tapi basin	Varies from 3.64 to 7.16
6.	West flowing rivers	Varies from 0.96 to 25.4

(c) and (d). No financial assistance is provided to the States for desiltation of reservoirs. Soil conservation measures, afforestation and water management practices in the catchment of River Valley Projects adopted by the State Governments are expected to reduce the rate of siltation in the reservoirs to some extent.

(e) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Laboratories of Government Polytechnics

1443. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of laboratories of Government Polytechnics modernised with the assistance of World Bank in Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh separately;

(b) the amount of World Bank assistance spent for this purpose so far;

(c) the number of educational research centres set up with the help of World Bank assistance. State-wise; and

(d) the funds proposed to be spent during 1996-97 on this programme in both the States separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) and (b). The total number of laboratories of Government Polytechnics being modernised with the World Bank assistance in Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh is 223 and 77 respectively. The amount spent for this purpose as on 30-9-1996 is Rs. 155.12 million for Rajasthan and Rs. 30.77 for Himachal Pradesh.

(c) The educational research centres are not established with the World Bank assistance.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Kendriya Yantriki Sangathan

1444. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the functions of Kendriya Yantriki Sangathan and the duties of its Chief Engineer;

(b) the number of complaints with dates received since last year against its Chief Engineer and details of the action taken thereon; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to improve the organisation by removing irregularities prevailing in this organisation?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) The Kendriya Yantriki Sangathan (Central Mechanical Organisation) of the Central Water Commission is responsible for assisting the State Governments/Project Authorities in the work relating to construction methods and equipment planning, procurement of construction equipments including import, Technical Documentation and publication work in the Central Water Commission. The Chief Engineer in-charge of the Central Mechanical Organisation is the Wing Head and is responsible for overall supervision of all the activities of the Organisation.

(b) During the year 1995 and 1996, till now, three complaints, one dated 25.4.96 and two dated 27.7.96 were received in the Ministry against the Chief Engineer in-charge of the Central Mechanical Organisation, Central Water Commission. These were examined and were found to be not specific and, therefore, no action has been considered necessary.

(c) Corrective measures are taken whenever specific irregularities are noticed.